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**Re:** **U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/982,554**

**For:** **DIETETIC FOOD COMPOSITION**

**Our Ref.: 601-017c1**

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**Request for Extension of Time**  
**For filing Request for Rehearing**  
**Under 37 CFR 1.136b**

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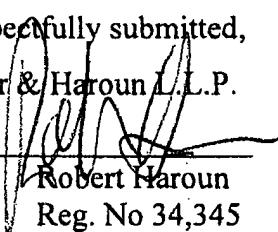
Sir:

Applicant requests an extension of time of one month for filing a Request for Rehearing in response to the Decision on Appeal decided February 12, 2009. The Decision on Appeal was decided on February 12, 2009 and was mailed received thereafter, when it was promptly reported to the client. Both the Inventor and foreign associates are located in Italy, requiring translation of instructions. In view of this and in view of the required further legal analysis required, Applicant requests an additional one month extension through May 12, 2009.

Applicant submits that diligent effort has been made since the receipt of the February 12, 2009 decision to evaluate the references and the legal opinion and to prepare an appropriate response to the Board's decision. However, because the client is in Italy and because of the details of the legal issues at hand, additional time is needed to properly formulate an appropriate and complete response. In view of this situation, Applicant is requesting that the deadline for response to the February 12, 2009 Office Action be extended by one month up to and including

May 12, 2009.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees for this extension of time to deposit account No. 19-2825, order number 601-17c1.

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